

The Crops committee asks for the adoption of the following policy directive to USDA:

The NOSB requests the following information and data in regards to ~~Sodium~~ Nitrate. This information should be addressed for the upcoming mandated review of the ~~product in approximately 2007~~

- I. Economic Impacts and Assessment
 - a. Approximate number of farmers utilizing the material
 - b. Geographical distribution of the farmers utilizing the material
 - c. Size of farm operations utilizing the material
 - d. List of crops to which the material is applied
 - e. Methods and timing of material application
- II. Environmental Impacts and Assessment
 - a. Sodium and Nitrogen accumulation in soils
 - b. Impact of sodium nitrate on water quality
 - c. Impact of sodium nitrate on soil microorganisms
 - d. Impact of sodium nitrate on soil quality
 - e. Comparison of approved alternatives (naturals and listed synthetics) in various cropping systems
 - f. Development of best management practices for materials